

Crow National Park, though it also occurs in Cockpit Country. As explained to me by Janet Bedasse of the Jamaican Conservation and Development Trust, it is also the main theme in organising local support for the National Park and for involving youngsters in nature conservation. There is even a new dance called "the butterfly", a very sexy dance – watch those pheromones fly!

Papilio homerus is world famous – at least all over Jamaica. It richly deserves to be. And how nice to see a butterfly spearheading general conservation measures with such evident success.– TORBEN B. LARSEN, 358 Coldharbour Lane, London SW9 8PL.

***Epirrita autumnata* Borkh. (Lep.: Geometridae): a new variety**

On the evening of 4.xi.94, an unusual variety of *Epirrita autumnata*, the Autumnal Moth, was found on a lighted window at my home address in Banffshire. The specimen was a male of normal size and wing pattern, but it was entirely of a sandy reddish colour instead of the usual tones of grey. This was very pale on the underside, hindwings, and the ground colour of the forewings, where there was a dusting of whitish scales in the median area. The crosslines, discal spot and veins were in deeper shades of the same sandy-red colour. There was no hint of grey or blackish anywhere on the moth.

As this is such a distinct variety, and apparently unrecorded, I propose to name it even at the risk of being thought unfashionable. It is an erythristic form, so the name ab. *erythrata* seems appropriate. Many moths which appear in autumn are orange or reddish, but the *Epirrita* species are an exception, perhaps because they rest on tree trunks rather than among leaves. This variety suggests that *autumnata* does have the genetic capacity to adopt a reddish colouration likewise, if at some future time natural selection were to favour it.

I thank Bernard Skinner for consulting the world list of named aberrations on my behalf, and Lt. Colonel A.M. Emmet for vetting the suggested name. – ROY LEVERTON, Whitewells, Ordiquhill, Cornhill, Banffshire AB45 2HS.

The occurrence of the Clouded Yellow (*Colias croceus* Geoffroy) (Lep.: Pieridae) in Devon during 1994

Whilst 1994 was not generally regarded as an exceptional year for Clouded Yellows, they were seen in fair numbers from late June to early October in Devon, and it was probably their fifth best year since 1955 (see Bristow, Mitchell and Bolton, 1993, p.38). However, the number of recorders in 1994 was down on previous years, and a comparison of total numbers of Clouded Yellows seen will almost certainly be misleading. One recorder alone (Mr Maurice Edmonds) is responsible for 55 (25%) of the sightings. In summary, I have 103 records of some 232 individuals from 69 localities by 32 recorders.

The first Clouded Yellows were seen at two localities (Morchard Bishop, SS7760 and Chittlehampton SS6226) in mid-Devon on 25th June, followed